

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, as follows.

This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Number 60/260,594, filed January 9, 2001 and United States Provisional Application Number 60/286,064 filed April 24, 2001. This application is related to United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/929,555       , filed August 14, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Broadcast Delivery of Content to a Client-Side Cache Based on User Preferences," assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, as follows.

United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/929,555       , filed August 14, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Broadcast Delivery of Content to a Client-Side Cache Based on User Preferences," discloses a caching mechanism that allows content to be broadcast to multiple users for storage in a client-side broadcast cache. While the disclosed caching mechanism allows information to be efficiently distributed to many users in a broadcast environment, not all users have access to information distributed by means of a broadcast channel. A need therefore exists for a method and apparatus for sharing information stored in a client-side cache among multiple users.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, as follows.

As shown in FIG. 1, one or more broadcast-enabled users employing a client computer 300-N, discussed below in conjunction with FIG. 3, access content provided by a content provider 120 over a network 100, discussed below. A broadcast edge cache server 250 delivers content over a broadcast channel (not shown in FIG. 1) to a large number of clients, including the exemplary broadcast-enabled client computer 300. The broadcast edge cache server 250 and the manner in which content is selected for distribution to the clients is beyond the scope of the present invention. Generally, the broadcast edge cache server 250 selects content from materials made available by traditional web servers 220, such as a web site, and web edge servers 230, such as an

Akamai server, and other sources, based on a broadcast profile employed by a broadcast profiler 240. For a more detailed discussion, see United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/929,555       , filed August 14, 2001, entitled “Method and Apparatus for Broadcast Delivery of Content to a Client-Side Cache Based on User Preferences,”  
5 assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein.